

SUNFLOWER GENIUSES

Gather at Washburn College for a Literary Festival.

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

Of the Kansas Academy of Language and Literature—Stories, Music and Poetry.

"What's going on out to Washburn," said the conductor as the car became more crowded at each stop.

"Language and Literature," said the colonel. "Do you know what their big words mean?"

"Guess it's talk, ain't it," answered the street car man. And with certain allowance for grammatical construction the man was about right.

H. G. Larimer of Topeka called to order the eleventh annual meeting of the Kansas Academy of Language and Literature at 8:30 last night in Washburn college chapel.

Misses Stinch, Pierce and Bishop rendered a vocal trio "When I Am Gone." The young ladies were visibly nervous, but it interfered in no way with their singing, which was prettily done. After Dr. McVicar had invoked the divine blessing on the world in general and the Kansas Academy of Language and Literature in particular, Miss Helen Ruth Ingalls gave a short analysis of Chopin's ballad, Op. 47. It represented, she said, friends meeting after a long separation, not quite sure of each other, but seeking perfect friendship. There is complete sympathy, then long struggles, finally victory and happiness like the sparkling laughter of children.

Miss Ingalls played the piece with fine execution and interpretation while the audience let their imagination loose to try to see the meaning. Some little folks on the front seat had heard what was said about the children and became a little uneasy when they thought it their place to come in, but finally were persuaded that the effect was to be only psychological.

Miss Ingalls said that Chopin and Chopin which affected her hearers not a little.

L. D. Whittemore of Washburn college, was introduced and delivered the president's annual address, his subject being "Interpreters and Prophets." Early in the address Mr. Whittemore threw out in a careless off-hand way a heavy Latin quotation which so took the audience by surprise, the speaker being a small son, that thereafter very few were so easily swayed.

Mr. Whittemore proposed to show first why this ought to be an age of great literary production and second why it isn't. It ought because life is more intensified and knowledge has accumulated. It wasn't because there is a great army of writers, and individuals not armless create. "Besides," he said, "the character of the age is receptive not creative."

"The reason there are no great poets," said Mr. Whittemore, "is much the same as that given by Life for the fact that so many have only written one good poem 'they take all the rest of their life to talk about it.'"

Washburn College Glee Club sang "I Know a Maiden." Four boys sitting on the back seat tried to get up an encore but seemed to be out of touch with the rest of the gathering.

"The Revolt of a Native," a story, by Mrs. A. D. Gray, was well read and well written but a little long in reaching the exciting moment. Little Maria, an old slave "nanny," is the heroine. Abram Seaton and Judge Penfield own neighboring plantations. A bitter enmity has existed between their families for years. Little Maria whose mother worked for the Seaton is now in the employ of Judge Penfield and wishes the men to be friends. The judge is to give a big dinner party. Little Maria gets hold of an extra invitation and sends it to the Seaton. Seaton comes and is so glad that Penfield has ended a quarrel that he never desired to perpetuate. Penfield is awestruck but dare not tell of the mistake, so a reconciliation takes place and all goes merry as a marriage bell. Little Maria has heard the whole conversation through the keyhole and is overjoyed saying, "it do appear dat Providence work in a mysterious way."

The only things to mar the general effect of the story, were that the tables groaned, and Judge Penfield was three-score years old and had a fine head of hair without a single gray one.

Miss Florence L. Snow, of Neosho Falls, entertained her listeners with a clear voice, with an animated manner, that caused every one to give her the closest attention. Her poem, "The Lamp of Gold," was composed of seven complete sonnets of the Shakespearean structure. It had for its text the story of the golden candlestick lost in the tower, as expressed in the extract from the Marlowe Faun: "I fancy you are mistaken," said Hilda smiling, "There was a meaning and a purpose in each of its seven branches, and such a candlestick cannot be lost forever."

The rhythm of the sonnets was smooth and the author succeeded particularly well in imparting the spirit of her work to those who listened.

The couplet which closed the last sonnet was:

And whose rightly heareth shall behold
The light that burns in the lamp of gold.

"Gone to Be a Mormonite" was sung by the Washburn Glee Club led by a young man, who accented every word with a shake of his head, and the exercises closed.

The members of the association were reminded of the annual dues of one dollar that the treasurer was willing to receive, and a short business meeting was held at the close of the programme.

The Old Soldiers' Plot.

The improvement of the soldiers' plot in the Topeka cemetery is nearly completed. The twenty-foot moles between the former rows, allowed for a pathway, are being graded and sodded and will add more than twice the original space for burying purposes. The improvement will cost about \$300 and when completed will make the most beautiful plot in the cemetery. Everyone is asked to contribute to this plan to help defray its expense.

A Verdict for Karr.

The district court jury in the cock fight case returned a verdict for William Karr, in which Vincent Kaczynski was ordered to pay Karr \$35 his half of the stakes and interest to the amount of 55 cents. Harry Lodge says the cock fight did not take place in his barn. It was in an adjoining barn.

Good work done by the Peerless.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Items of Interest About Topeka People and Visitors in Town.

A wedding, the details of which were indicative of simple and refined taste, occurred Wednesday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Cross their eldest daughter, Mary Lillian, being joined in matrimony with Mr. Charles Ross Kitchell.

The archway between the parlors was framed on either side with palms, and here the bridal couple were met by Rev. Dr. Blakesley just as the hands of the clock pointed to half past eight. No sound was audible, save that of the clergyman's voice, as he repeated the impressive words of the ring service, and after receiving his blessing the relatives and friends extended the heartiest congratulations.

The sun never shone on a fairer bride, and she wore an exquisite empire gown of white Japan habutai silk, with yoke of brussels net, high collar and pinnet ruche. Ruffles of net overlaid with duchess lace fell over the puffed sleeves, and a puff of brussels net outlined the bottom of the skirt. She wore no gloves and carried a single, long stemmed white rose. A pink topaz necklace was twisted about the coils of her dark hair, and no other jewels were visible.

She was attended by her sister, Miss Nellie Cross, as maid of honor, who wore a gown of beige blue china silk, the round neck edged with deep bertha of cream lace. Short puffed sleeves were met by white suede gloves and her slippers were of white suede. She carried a bunch of pink roses.

The rooms were softly lighted and smoky scented about the chandeliers; bowls of pink and yellow roses were in the first parlor and in the other were big clusters of white roses.

Each guest received a souvenir box of wedding cake and the bridal pair left for their new home amid a shower of rice.

The bride has lived in Topeka since childhood, although the last few years have been spent in the study of music at Chicago. She is a highly accomplished young woman and popular in society circles.

The groom has been an employee of the Santa Fe Company for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Kitchell will be at home at 409 Fillmore street.

Miss Knowles Entertains.

Miss Bertha Knowles entertained a dozen friends very pleasantly Wednesday evening. Tiddie-de-winks and other games made fun for the guests and Mrs. J. P. Wahle sang, Miss May Gordon played and Mr. John Sargent sang. Her guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wahle, Misses Lizzie and May Davis, Richard Knowles, Lena Spaulding, May Gordon and Messrs. R. Roby, Frank Peacock, John Sargent, James Hezlett, Fred Mason and R. L. Thomas.

McMillan—Agard.

The marriage of Miss Elsie Agard, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Agard and Mr. Miles H. McMillan, occurred yesterday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Agard, 2001 Clay street.

The ceremony was performed at 3 o'clock by the groom's father, Rev. J. McMillan of Concordia, the trio standing in the bay window which was banked high with blooming plants.

Miss Anna Campbell played Mendelssohn's wedding march, and while congratulations were being offered, soft music was a fitting accompaniment for the pleasant words.

The bride wore a gown of cream white crepe de chine with sleeves and vest of Japanese brocade. The neck was finished with a crush collar of the brocade and ruffles of chiffon, fell over the shoulders. The skirt was slightly draped and around the bottom were folds of crepe and brocade. She carried nineteen La France roses tied with long loops and ends of white satin ribbon.

The coezy home was brightened with bowls of roses and carnations and the piano was draped with ivy.

Boxes of wedding cake were distributed among the guests and Miss Lena Freeman drew the one containing the ring, a plain circlet set with a cluster of moonstones.

The bride is a bright young lady with winning manner. She has been employed in the car accountant's office of the Santa Fe.

The groom is book-keeper and traveling manager of the Kansas Newspaper Union.

Telegrams of congratulation were received from friends in other cities, and their home will be adorned with many tokens from those here and abroad.

Mr. and Mrs. McMillan left yesterday afternoon for Waverly, Ill., to visit relatives, and will go to housekeeping about the 1st of July at 1715 Clay street.

The wedding guests were Rev. and Mrs. J. McMillan of Concordia, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Dennis and family, Dr. and Mrs. McVey, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dennis and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steele and family, Mrs. Eleanor, Misses Maud Luce, Daisy Starr, Leslie and Josie Bard, Mame Shipley, Zena Freeman, Bonnie and Cora Beam of Richmond, Messrs. Walter Hubbard, Morton White and L. E. Ferris.

A Pleasant Thimble Party.

Mrs. N. F. Handy and Miss R. J. Smith gave a thimble party yesterday afternoon in the former's home on Topeka avenue, and fifty ladies plied their needles busily with stopping now and then when some topic provided more than ordinarily interesting. The surroundings were conducive to the pleasure of the afternoon, every detail appealing to the aesthetic taste of the guests who were Mesdames F. E. Holliday, Harold Chase, A. H. Connelly, H. Bates, G. C. Foss, W. F. Parker, J. E. Hayden, G. Corning, A. Bergen, M. P. Hillyer, A. P. Wilder, M. Bosworth, Wm. H. Simpson, A. T. Rodgers, A. L. Thompson, J. Thomas, G. O. Smith, Sander Dan Smith, N. C. McFarland, S. S. Stone, A. C. Davis, Chas. Colburn, — Adams, Chas. Emery, — Menninger, E. Wear, Edward Ryan, Edwin Scott, J. J. Frey, C. J. Brown, — McMath, Ed Small, Joab Mulvane, A. D. Robbins, W. McKnight, Misses Corning and Bell Thompson.

General Social Notes.

C. L. Severy, first judge of El Reno, Oklahoma district, was in the city yesterday the guest of his sister, Mrs. J. B. Hibben. He is on his way to Washington to argue several important cases before the interior department.

Mrs. N. F. Handy will give another thimble party next week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Davies of Holton, are the parents of a boy. Mrs. Davies was formerly Miss Minnie Archer.

Mrs. Hill of Sioux City, Ia., is the guest of her sister, Miss Dollie Martin.

Mrs. J. F. H. McKibben leaves for a month's sojourn in California, Mrs. M. B. Spaulding of Mt. Pleasant, Ia., and Mrs. Chas. Phelps of Oskaloosa, Ia., accompanying her.

Mr. E. J. Harris and family are moving to 900 West Eighth street.

Mrs. W. H. Simpson and children have gone to Grand Rapids, Mich., on an extended visit.

Rev. D. H. Johnston has returned to Lincoln, Kas., after spending a few days with his family in Potwin.

W. W. Mills has returned from New York; Chas. Adams is expected today.

Mrs. Frederick Brown and daughter returns to her home in Blue Rapids today.

Little Willie Jansen entertained a few of his friends on Monday evening at his home in Potwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Brodie are the happy parents of a baby boy, born Friday.

Miss Myrtle Davis of Pittsburg is the guest of Miss Ola Bates.

The dime thimble party given at the home of Mrs. D. L. Lakin Wednesday will increase the Orphans' home fund \$10.

The supper and entertainment given by the ladies of the Congregational church Wednesday evening was as successful as these affairs always are. Among the best numbers were a recitation by Miss Louise Burnham, a song by Mr. Epps and a recitation by little Miss Tinscher.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Pfeiffer of Pittsburg, Kans., are visiting Mrs. C. Baughman and family.

Mrs. Moreland of Guthrie, Ok., is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. A. Hurd.

Miss Belle Hill is slightly convalescent after a serious illness during the past two weeks.

Miss Marie Harrison has gone to St. Louis on a visit.

Mrs. H. W. Roby has returned from a month's visit at Anniston, Ala., with her sister Mrs. W. T. Willson.

Mrs. W. N. Hall will return Saturday from Florida.

Mr. C. H. Morrison will go to Chicago next week to attend a course of lectures in the Ophthalmic college.

Mr. H. Clarkson went to El Reno last night on business.

Mrs. Edwin Hillyer will give a "kettle-drum" tomorrow afternoon.

Miss Myrtle Callihan entertained a few friends at tea last evening for Miss Mattie Carlisle, who will leave soon for Dakota.

Mrs. H. O. Garvey is able to be out after a week's illness.

Miss Harriet Broad will visit in Manhattan next week.

Misses Daisy and Laura Levi and Martha Auerbach will spend Sunday in Osgo City.

Mrs. L. Higgins and daughter leave today for Denver.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. McClintock have gone to San Francisco.

Mrs. W. C. Haire and daughter of Valley Falls spent the early part of the week here.

Mrs. W. A. Snyder and son Pearl have returned from a visit in Hoyt.

MR. PECK TO LEAVE US.

Closes Up the Sale of His House But Will Register Here.

Hon. George R. Peck today signed the deed conveying his handsome home on Western avenue to Mr. T. J. Kellam.

To a State Journal reporter Mr. Peck said: "Yes, I am going to leave Kansas temporarily. I always have intended, and still expect to spend my last days on Kansas soil, but for the present it is necessary for me to live in Chicago. It is for that reason that I live in my home. It is too good a house to rent and I can't afford to own it and have it unoccupied."

In regard to his health Mr. Peck said: "I am feeling good now. I have had a month's rest, during which I have been out of doors most of the time. I have been in the open air all the time I possibly could, and I feel very great benefit from the treatment."

"I expect to remain in Topeka over Sunday and will then go back to Chicago and take hold of business once more."

Although moving his family to Chicago Mr. Peck will retain his legal residence in Topeka, and said he would register before he goes back to Chicago and will return to Topeka to vote at the state election this fall.

THE RATE REDUCED.

Railroad Commissioners Decide in Favor of Hutchinson Case.

The railroad commissioners today gave a decision in the Hutchinson case.

The claimants asked for a reduced rate on agricultural implements in car load lots. The decision is in line with the decision in the Wichita case, and the rate is reduced from thirty-three and a half to twenty-three and a half cents per cwt.

TO BE APPEALED.

C. B. & Q. Tax Cases Will Go to the Court of Appeals.

W. F. Guthrie, attorney of the C. B. & Q. is here and held a conference today with Attorney General Little. They will agree on a statement of facts in the C. B. & Q. tax cases which were decided adversely to the railroad in the United States circuit court of appeals which sits in St. Louis in May.

POLICE COURT NOTES.

Mrs. Pickett on Harrison street saw two colored boys carrying off empty bottles from the corner shed. She gave chase and the boys threw away the bottles. Capt. Gish caught the boys and they were today fined \$5 in police court.

Robt. Gardner, a 13-year-old boy whose home is at St. Louis, is at the police station. He ran away from the Catholic school at St. Marys. His relatives were telegraphed and a reply was received telling the police to send him back to the school. The school authorities telegraphed back that they did not want him.

Bert Carpenter, a boy of 17, was at the police court this morning with a complaint against Employment Agent McPherson. He said he gave the agent \$1 to secure a place on a farm. He was sent to a man by the name of Garlinghouse, east of Highland Park. The farmer had secured a hand and Carpenter returned and wanted the \$1 he had paid McPherson. The agent refused and the boy complained to the police who told him they could not help him.

Grand Opera—Rates Cut.

As anticipated rates from Topeka to Kansas City will be reduced to \$3 the round trip during the grand opera festival at the Auditorium next week. The list of operas include Traviata, Faust, Trovatore, Carmen, Lucia and Cavalleria Rusticana.

IT WILL BE BUILT.

Santa Fe Hospital Board Determines to Go Ahead

WITH THE HOSPITAL AT TOPEKA.

Bids Will Be Called For as Soon as the Plans and Specifications Are Complete.

The Santa Fe hospital board met at General Manager Frey's office at 11:30 today and was still in session at 2 o'clock. There were present General Attorney George R. Peck, Treasurer E. Wilder, Chief Surgeon George W. Hogeboom, Conductor Ives and Engineer Wm. Hamilton. In regard to the new Topeka hospital it was decided that as soon as bids could be secured and the contract let work would begin. The specifications are not yet quite complete.

It was also decided to build a hospital at Newton and the plans will be made ready as soon as possible.

The architect is J. W. Perkins of Chicago.

ALL ALONG THE LINES.

Railroad News Items Interesting to Railroaders and the Public.

A. R. Lingafelt of the Rock Island returned from the west yesterday.

The Santa Fe reports an increase of sheep transportation from the southwest.

General Superintendent H. R. Nickerson returned from his eastern trip today.

R. E. Jamison, tax agent of the Santa Fe, has returned sick from Southern Kansas.

Wm. Carmichael, of Junction City, superintendent of the division building department of the Union Pacific, is in town.

J. E. Caven of the New York Commercial Advertiser, is in Topeka and was a caller at the Santa Fe general passenger department.

Beyond stubbed toes, torn nails and cinder eyes the Santa Fe dispensary has had nothing to occupy its attention for nearly a month.

Q. Gurcheson has taken charge of the Salway commission house in Topeka and F. C. Gillenback goes into the employ of the Throop hotel.

Arthur Van Vleet of the Santa Fe offices has gone to Kansas City, where he has a better position in Superintendent J. T. Rosaback's office.

The Missouri Pacific has notified the railway commissioners that the train service petitioned for by citizens of Anthony will be restored before April 28.

W. J. Black, assistant general passenger agent of the Santa Fe, did not go to El Paso with the Kansas City ticket agents' excursion. He was in Kansas City yesterday and accompanied them only as far as Topeka.

The sale of the Kansas City, Wyandotte & Northwestern railroad by Commissioner H. P. Dillon has been confirmed by Judge Caldwell at Little Rock. The sale was made two months ago and the price paid was \$650,000.

The Santa Fe rate of one fare for the round trip from Chicago to Dallas, Texas, for the meeting of the Southern Baptists next month, is meeting much opposition from the Alton, but road claiming it is a breach of the association rules. The Santa Fe disclaims any attempt at demoralization of association rates and agrees to leave the matter to a conference.

SHOPS AND OFFICES.

Some News Notes of Personal and General Interest.

Monday will be the regular pay day on the Santa Fe.

Santa Fe coaches 624 and 705 are in the shops for repairs.

The preliminary hearing of the Rock Island train robbers is going on at Pond Creek, O. T.

Several Hutchinson Salt company cars are in the Santa Fe shops for repairing and repainting.

A large batch of bad order freight and stock cars went into the Santa Fe yards for repairs today.

H. B. Rodgers is again at the cashier's desk at the Santa Fe freight depot. His wife is much better.

The regular spring time card of the Rock Island is now in preparation and will probably go into effect soon after May 1st.

J. O. Brinkerhoff, general superintendent, and P. Martshimer, master mechanic, of the Union Pacific, were in town last evening.

C. D. Coon addressed the Y. M. C. A. noon meeting at the shops yesterday, and W. G. Boon will deliver an address at the chapel Sunday at 4 p. m.

The Rock Island is taking through a train of fourteen cars by way of Omaha, filled with eastern excursionists bound homeward from California.

Division Superintendent W. J. Lawrence of the Rock Island at Horton, was here today, and left this afternoon for Chicago on new time card business.

The floor of the Santa Fe depot waiting room in Topeka is being relaid in part, and the storm doors have been taken out of the Union Pacific depot.

A party of circus people arrived over the Santa Fe from Cincinnati today, and will join the Sells & Rentfro show. They had an immense amount of baggage, among it a few birds and monkeys.

It is now considered an assured fact that the Missouri Pacific will put a new time card on its Fort Scott division on the 22nd. The passenger service will be restored as reported yesterday, and will give employment to several more men.

The unclaimed freight sale at the Santa Fe continues today with unabated interest and a larger crowd. Among the sales was that of an \$8 gasoline stove which brought \$17 and a \$90 binder which went for \$10. The sale will close today.

The colored citizens will hold a mass-meeting at the court house Monday evening, April 16th, at 8 p. m., for the purpose of endorsing their candidate for auditor of the state.

T. Bird, G. W. Charles, J. H. E. Taylor, Committee.

The Swedish concert at the First M. E. church will be both vocal and instrumental. Admission 25 cents.

The STATE JOURNAL'S Want and Miscellaneous columns reach each working day in the week more than twice as many Topeka people as can be reached through any other paper. This is a fact.

NEW STORE.
NEW GOODS.NEW STORE.
NEW GOODS.

EAGLE & CURRY

Will place on sale Tomorrow Morning the Largest and Finest Line of 50c Neckwear ever shown in Topeka.

Look at our Mackintoshes. New Styles, all warranted Water Proof.

THE MEN'S HATTERS AND FURRIERS.

YOU MANS
HATS.SUITS TO
ORDER.

AT THE CITY HALL.

Nickel-in-the-Slot Machines May Come

It is possible that every nickel-in-the-slot machine in Topeka may be banished from the city by order of the city council. The war against the slot machine has been waged successfully in Kansas City, Atchison and other towns making no pretense at being "good" towns, while in Topeka the most cultured and moral city west of Boston allows her youth to drop nickel after nickel in the machines and get an occasional cigar in return.

Some of the councilmen are already talking about it. Mr. Fulton and Mr. Bradford say there seems to be no doubt that the machines are "games of chance." Councilman Fellows, the president of the council, says that while the machine business may come within the province of the council to destroy, he does not care to do so personally, unless urged to do it. Mr. Fellows thinks a majority of the machines are an "even break" so far as the operators are concerned, and they represent considerable outlay to the proprietor.

A dealer who has three slot-machines in his store, says the machines lose more cigars than they would retail for. He has them simply to "stimulate trade."

Topeka has her full share of slot-machines, from the ordinary little musical wheel to poker-machines and race-tracks. They are freely patronized—and not many young men can be found but who will insist that they are "ahead of the machines."

POLICE IMPROVEMENTS.

A Floor is Being Raised—Other Repairs Contemplated.

A. B. Whiting chairman of the board of police commissioners, made a recent call on City Clerk McFadden, and the two went to the office of Mayor Harrison and held a consultation. The conference was regarding some improvements that are imperative for the safety of the city prison, and as the result of the consultation it was agreed that the repairs should be commenced at once.

The most needed mending is the raising of the floor to the men's cell-room. The heavy iron cages in this room have caused one side of the floor to sink five inches, and appearances indicate that it is liable to fall through at any time. The floor will be raised with "jacks" and braces put under the floor on a foundation that will be prepared for them.

Contractor Council will superintend the work. Most of the labor will be done by the prisoners and the city's material will be used, so that the expense of the repairs will be nominal.

It is intended to tear down the tower on top of the police headquarters and put a new one there, and also change the interior arrangements so the police court will be held up stairs, but it will be necessary to advertise for bids for this work, as it will cost more than \$100.

CITY HALL NOTES.

Items of Interest From the Various Municipal Departments.

Nine birth and nine deaths have been reported to the city physician this month. Eleven dogs have been registered this month.